

The Thirteen Towns.

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License will be voted on at Mentor this spring.

Local village elections take place on Tuesday, March 13th.

According to late reports, the British troops are gaining ground against the Boers in South Africa every day.

Candidates for municipal honors at the coming local elections now near at hand appear to be keeping in the dark thus far.

The anarchists in France are causing anxiety of the directors of the world's fair to be held at Paris this summer, by threatening to destroy their buildings with dynamite. While it is unlikely that such a thing will be attempted, the report will prevent many from crossing the Atlantic that otherwise would.

The changeable and unseasonable weather that has prevailed of late has been productive of an unusual amount of sickness and many families are having their experience of different ailments. A regulation steady Northwest winter, while severe at times, is preferable to alternately mild and cold spells in this part of the continent.

The \$10,000 bonds for Red Lake county's prospective court house is being fought desperately. Other towns in that county know that if the court house is built at Red Lake Falls, as intended if the vote is favorable, the county seat question is settled for all time. The Red Lake Falls Gazette used four colors last week to describe to its readers the advantages of their securing the new court house at the present county seat. They are certainly not very sure at Red Lake Falls of securing the court house at this election.

Those who are familiar, in watching the remarkable growth of Modern Woodmen of America, make the prediction that on January 1, 1901, its membership will be over 550,000, and the number of camps about 9,300. The amount of insurance in force at that time will probably be one billion of dollars, which will represent double the number of policies carried by any company in all the world. The Woodmen have more policy holders now than any other society, and in one year from now will carry as much in surance as the highest competitor.

Mayor Brandt, of East Grand Forks, has commenced to reform his charge with strong measures for its improvement. All houses of ill fame have been closed up and saloons are required to close off all business between 5 o'clock Sunday morning and 5 o'clock Monday morning. Gambling has also been strictly prohibited. If all these orders are carried out East Grand Forks will surprise itself, as well as everyone else.

The following Chippewa pine patents were issued at the Crookston land office last Tuesday: Hovey C. Clarke (5), P. and J. Meehan, John O'Day (8), Lars P. Myhre (2), Henry F. Horr, Nat Campbell (2) Robert Neving (3), Chas. H. Fridley, David A. Ray, Albert J. Lamers, Tollef B. Landsverk, Lewis Lohn, Samuel McClure (3), Edward R. Getchell.

Medical authorities state that linen is a better material for underwear than either wool or cotton, and that its use renders a person less liable to contract a cold. Large quantities of flax straw are annually going to waste in the Red River valley that should be utilized in making clothing to protect us from the winter's cold.

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A Pro-British Argument.

EDITOR THE THIRTEEN TOWNS:—

Sir,—From expressions of opinion in school and elsewhere, I have found the overwhelmingly preponderant sentiment is pro-Boer and yet in many cases the basis of their opinion, especially among the pupils, is either one of sentimental sympathy or absurd assertions taken for granted.

It is very well to sympathize with the cur in a fight with a mastiff, but its always best to investigate whether your sympathy is well placed or not.

Prof. H. P. Judson, professor of civil government at the University of Chicago, states that the Outlanders own nine-tenths of the property, five-sixths of the real estate and pay nine tenths of the taxes, and yet they (I mean the bona fide citizens of the Transvaal of foreign extraction) have only a handful of representatives and that in a body whose power is a nullity and whose existence is only a blind.

Foreigners can become second class citizens of the republic after two years' residence and such have a right to vote for members of the Second Council of the Volksraad, whose only power is to propose laws to the First Chamber, which is elected by and composed of native born Boers. This First Chamber possesses the exclusive power of legislation. They can originate and pass, without reference to the Second Chamber any law whatever. They can approve or reject measures proposed to them by the Second council.

Citizens of the second degree who have been citizens for fourteen years can by resolution of the First chamber become citizens of the First degree. It is very likely that the narrow minded Boers will confine that to hands equally narrow minded and intolerant.

This closes the door to justice. The Boers have the power of bleeding the industrious aliens of their hard earned wealth and that they take full advantage of their opportunity is shown by the wealth of their chiefs and the millions which they have invested in military stores. They have a constitution which can be altered or repealed at the pleasure of the First chamber, and a high court, which is dependent upon the First chamber of the Volksraad. It has a president who must be a native born Boer, to which their can be no objection, but he is elected by the First class citizens, to which rank it is impossible for an intending citizen to reach in practice at least.

Johannesburg, with a population of 75,000 has only 826 citizens qualified to vote for president. This same city contains 1,200 Boers, and yet the mayor (burgomaster) who is appointed, all the appointed city officials and one half of the city council must be and are Boers.

And this these sentimentalists call a "republic." One man, S. J. P. Kruger, by force of character has reduced the Volksraad, and through it all the other departments of the government to his subordinates and the republic has been reduced from an oligarchy (which it would have been in any event) to a despotism; a slight change it is true, but still a change which sufficiently demonstrates the character of the government.

The evil would have been less had this oligarchy governed in a spirit of wisdom and justice, but it has not. At every opportunity, upon every pretext, they oppressed the aliens for their own advantage.

And now to pass to the war. England demanded at last that aliens should be able to become citizens of the First class after nine years' residence and renouncing allegiance to their original country and swearing allegiance and loyalty to their adopted country, the Transvaal. Further, that the English members of the Volksraad should be allowed to speak English, substantially the same as the Dutch. Members of the Cape parliament are permitted to speak Dutch.

The Boer government broke off negotiations and sent an insolent ultimatum to England which even had they wished to, it would have been impossible for England to comply with it. The British government did not reply to this, but merely acknowledged its receipt. Then war broke out and the Boers invaded Natal and West Griguland at the same time.

And now the results. If you take a dispassionate review of the results, which would you rather see prevail? The English, who have proven themselves wise, energetic, humane and enlightened governors of men: who govern for the welfare of the governed; or the Boers, who are narrow minded, selfish, full of bigotry and superstition and who govern for their own benefit regardless of the condition of the masses?

I think you can choose but the first of these alternatives.

PRO-BRITISHER.

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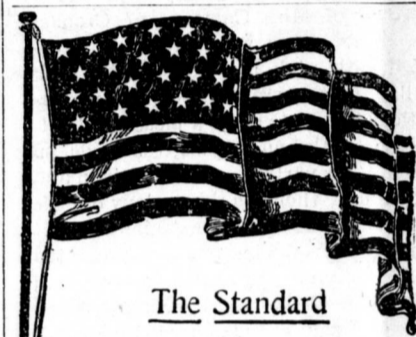
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